

# THE DEMOCRAT

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## The Cows.

By Helen M. Richardson.

Into the barn at the close of day  
The mild-eyed cattle come, one  
by one;  
Soberly into the stalls they stray  
Munching their cud, at the set  
of sun.

Bess and Daisy stand close beside  
Switching their tails in a friendly  
way;

Molly and Susan with quiet pride  
Into their stanchions at random  
stray.

Maud and Nancy in awkward haste  
Stumble in turn through the wide  
barn door

Wandering Gipsy is homeward  
chased,

The last to blunder across the  
floor.

Swish, swish, swish, into waiting  
pails,

In rhythmic motion of hands well  
skilled,

Splashes the milk, while the ner-  
vous tails

Flap and flop till the pails are filled.

Then quiet reigns and the cattle rest;  
Through the dark the barn rat  
roams unawed,

All undisturbed in midnight quest  
By Bess or Daisy or mild-eyed  
Maud.

From May Farm Journal.

## Bosh.

One frequently hears this remark  
or sees it in some paper: Man  
would not smoke if he had it to do  
in the dark, for he would and could  
not enjoy it." Then why is it that  
so many blind people smoke? Here  
is a notable instance: Paul Flow-  
erree, who served several terms as  
a county officer of Ralls County  
and is a noted fox hunter, is an in-  
veterate smoker. And there is a  
large number of blind people, both  
men and women who smoke. So  
the statement must be all bosh.

## Which Would You

Rather live in a town of high or  
low taxes? S. Griffin tells us this:  
"I paid \$1.85 on the \$100 valuation  
in Palmyra and 80c in Monroe City,  
or I paid \$1.60 on an assessed of  
\$200 in Monroe City and \$3.76 on  
the same valuation in Palmyra."

P. B. Dunn, wife and daughter,  
Miss Clara have arrived from San  
Antonio, Texas and will spend the  
summer in this city. They have  
leased the Mrs. Minnie Boulware  
residence already furnished.

Butler Yates has returned from  
Horluquen, Texas and thinks that a  
great country, but still satisfied with  
Missouri.

Representative Weldon Hardesty  
was with friends in this city Satur-  
day.

Jno. J. Rogers went to Minneapo-  
lis, Minn., Saturday to visit his wife  
and daughter, Mrs. Jno. Zeleny.

Miss Leona Shearman spent Sun-  
day with Palmyra relatives.

Miss Olivia Gray of Farber, has  
been the guest of her brother, James  
B. Gray.

Miss Clara Abell went to Shelbi-  
na, Monday, to visit her aunt, Mrs.  
Lu Hardy, and to attend a party.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ragsdale, of  
Clinton were with friends in this  
city Friday.

## Arms of the Pope.

Rome, April 29. A typical figure  
at the Vatican passed today with  
the death of Mgr. Guglielmo Pifferi,  
who has been sacristan or parish  
priest of the apostolic palace since  
the time of Pius IX. The aged ec-  
clesiastic died in the arms of the  
pope who had gone to his bedside  
upon hearing that the end was  
near. The Monsignor had served  
fifty years under three popes.

The post of sacristan has existed  
for six centuries and is always con-  
ferred upon an Augustinian.

P. N. Jones took in the sights in  
New London, Monday.

J. O. Gilson was a business visi-  
tor in Paris, Monday.

Miss Mae Lear returned home  
Monday from a five weeks visit  
with friends in St. Louis.

H. A. Graves has been with Pal-  
myra friends.

Heirs of the late Senator Allison  
among them a number of nephews,  
have approached Senator Dolliver  
with a plan to have the senate al-  
low the estate one year's salary as  
seatur. This has been done in other  
cases where senators have died  
in office. "Dolliver will take it  
up," says an exchange. The Star  
does not want to pose as a knocker  
but would like to know why Uncle  
Sam should pay one of his servants  
salary for a whole year after death  
any more than an individual?—La  
Belle Star.

It is as cowardly for a newspaper  
editor to print veiled slander as it  
is to shoot a man in the back, for  
the slanderer is the assassin of  
character, a greater criminal than  
he who takes human life.—Caruth-  
ersville Democrat.

Livingston County, it is said, has  
just completed a quarter of mile of  
rock road. It ought to and possi-  
bly does connect with a mile or  
more of mud holes to the end that  
people may not overlook the con-  
trast. That would be a striking ob-  
ject lesson.—Brookfield Gazette.

Carroll county is paying \$6000 a  
year for the support of patients  
from that county in the St. Joseph  
Insane Asylum and the possibility  
is she would be paying a great deal  
more if every citizen of that city  
who has wheels in his head should  
be shut up.—Brookfield Gazette.

Mesdames Eva Vaughn and L.  
Carter, of Shelbyna were in the  
city Thursday. They are getting  
up a floral display of some kind to  
raise funds for the Christian church  
in their home town.

Stoutsville voted 74 to 11 Tues-  
day to erect a new \$4,000 school  
house. The site will be changed  
and the new building will be a  
credit to the town. Monroe county  
is waking up on the school ques-  
tion all over and in another year  
the people will begin to see the real  
fruit of supervision. Get on the  
wire.—Mercury.

Frank Findley, of Rensselaer vis-  
ited his daughter, Mrs. Roy McFar-  
land, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith re-  
turned Thursday from their trip  
through Texas. They saw a large  
slice of the Lone Star State and  
liked it, but some how did not in-  
vest while down there.

Mrs. Lucy Robey went to Lake-  
nan, Thursday to be with relatives  
a few days.

Homer Hickman, of Hunnewell  
was a business visitor in the city  
Thursday.

Mrs. James Pollard, of Paris has  
been the guest of her sister, Mrs.  
Jasper Henderson.

James Kennedy, of Ilasco, spent  
Saturday with his old chums in  
this city. His former friends are  
always glad to see him.

## It's a Long Shot.

Democrats would have to gain  
fourteen seats in the senate to se-  
cure control, and of course that is a  
good deal to undertake with most of  
the states in Republican hands. But  
the opportunity is better than it has  
been for six years, and better than  
it is except at very rare intervals.  
Of thirty senators whose terms will  
expire next year four-fifths are Re-  
publicans. Of course, that gives an  
extraordinary opportunity to the  
Democrats to make gains. That  
they should be able to defeat four-  
teen of the twenty-four may be im-  
probable, but it is not impossible,  
and it is quite certain that they will  
gain enough to make a Democratic  
majority two years later highly  
probable. Improbable as the loss  
of fourteen seats by the Republi-  
cans may be, it is not so improba-  
ble as their loss of the Old Colony  
district in Massachusetts and the  
Rochester districts in New York  
would have seemed a few weeks  
ago. There are indications of a  
Democratic tidal wave, and such an  
event would sweep the Democrats  
into control of the senate.—Quincy  
Herald.

## Bitten by Mad Dog.

Palmyra, Mo., April 28.—Palmy-  
ra is wrought up over a mad dog  
scare and scores of dogs are being  
killed by the owners or the city  
marshal. For the past several  
weeks dogs have been acting  
strangely and a number have died  
and others have been killed. Last  
Friday the five-year-old son of Dr.  
and Mrs. Thos. A. Roselle was play-  
ing with the large Scotch collie dog  
belonging to F. H. Sosey and the  
dog at all times had been very gen-  
tle, but that day it acted as if mad  
and bit the child in the face. Only  
a small abrasion of the skin was  
made however, and apparently the  
child is little hurt. On Monday of  
this week the dog died and after  
its death the head of the animal  
was cut off and sent to Dr. Carl  
Fisher in St. Louis for examination.  
Wednesday a telegram was received  
from the physician which stated  
the dog had undoubtedly been af-  
fected with rabies. To take the  
necessary precaution Dr. Roselle  
left that afternoon for St. Louis  
with the child where he will be  
treated should any harm come of  
the dog's bite. However it is not  
thought the child will suffer any  
trouble. The city board of health  
held a meeting Wednesday after-  
noon, and an order was made that  
all dogs must be muzzled or kept  
off the streets, and that all unmuz-  
zled dogs found on the streets  
would be impounded.

## Finds Man Dead in Hotel.

Hunnewell, Mo., April 29.—E. A.  
Frye, 46 years old, an insurance  
agent, residing here, was found dead  
in the Cottage hotel in this city at  
11:30 o'clock this morning. His  
death is supposed to have been due  
to epilepsy from which he had suf-  
fered for some months.

The discovery was made by  
Luther Lair, proprietor of the hotel.  
Noticing that Mr. Frye had failed to  
come to breakfast, Mr. Lair went to  
his room at 11:30 o'clock to call  
him for dinner. Repeated knocks  
on the door of the dead man's room  
brought no response so Mr. Lair  
broke the door and entered.

He at once reported to the coro-  
ner, but an inquest was deemed  
unnecessary.

Mr. Frye was one of Hunnewell's  
best citizens. He carried two insur-  
ance policies, one in the Court of  
Honor for \$1,000; the other in a  
Kansas City Insurance company  
for \$500.

Miss Josephine Fleer of Quincy,  
has been spending several days  
with her friend, Miss Alberta  
Drescher.

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A St. Louis paper wants to know  
if Halley's comet caused the flood.  
It is, of course, owing to how we in-  
terpret the scriptures, which de-  
clare that it rained forty days and  
forty nights. If the word "it" has  
reference to the comet there is no  
doubt that the long-tailed star is  
guilty. But even if this is true,  
what is the St. Louis paper going to  
do about it? Brookfield Gazette.

Col. R. M. Spalding, of Spalding,  
Ralls county, was in the city yes-  
terday. Mr. Spalding is 88 years  
old, but apparently as young as  
he was thirty years ago. He is a  
very remarkable old gentleman and  
enjoys a good joke as much as ever.  
While in the city he was the guest  
of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hays  
and his grandson, R. M. Spalding.  
Hannibal Journal.

Alfred Gones, of Hannibal arrived  
Saturday to spend several days  
with his brother, Harry Gones and  
family. Mr. Gones is an employee  
of the Aetna Cement Co., and the  
boys had gone out on a strike. It  
was the first time Alfred had vis-  
ited in the city for eleven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Lane at-  
tended the funeral of Mrs. Lane's  
grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Parker,  
at Oak Dale, Sunday. Mrs. Parker  
was on the shady side of 80 and  
quietly drifted from this life to the  
life above.

Where are the trappers? A wise  
mink has taken up its quarters in  
the tie yards near the poultry house  
supposedly because he can get his  
supper, breakfast and dinner with  
little trouble.

Miss Laura Bell, who has been  
teaching at Maplewood came in  
Saturday to visit her parents, Dr.  
and Mrs. John Bell.

R. L. Berry and son, Nova, of  
Hannibal came up Saturday to vis-  
it the homefolks.

L. C. Saunders returned Satur-  
day from Quincy where he has been  
looking after business matters for  
the past three months.

WANTED - 50 laborers, steady  
work, pay twice each month, apply  
in person. American Car & Foun-  
dry Co., St. Charles, Mo. 5-5

Samuel Saunders, of Hunnewell  
was with his Monroe friends Satur-  
day. He is a jolly good fellow and  
fond of talking politics in any of its  
phases.

Miss Effie Baxter, of Huntington  
was with Monroe friends, Saturday.

Miss Ethel Mae Thompson, of  
Hannibal returned to her home Sat-  
urday. She was accompanied home  
by her aunt, Mrs. Walker Vanskike.

John B. Maddox seems to have  
tired of East St. Louis. Any way  
he returned Saturday and the pros-  
pects were that it was for good.

Mrs. Emma Bevil, of near Hunne-  
well visited her sister, Mrs. Charles  
Walker, Saturday.

WANTED—Wagon makers, wood  
workers. Helpers and handy men  
about a wagon shop. Steady work,  
good wages.—Electric Wheel Co.  
Walton Heights Quincy, Ill.

Mesdames Kittie King and Dora  
Saunders, of Shelbyville have been  
the guests of their friend, Mrs. Julia  
Lewis.

Bernie Sandifer and family came  
up from Hannibal, Saturday to visit  
the homefolks.

Misses Alma and Alice Heald, of  
Macon have been visiting Monroe  
friends.

W. D. Barnes, wife, Miss Maurine  
and the babe went to Shelbyna,  
Saturday to visit friends.

Marvin Kincaid, one of the pros-  
perous farmers of near Warren was  
a visitor in this city Saturday.

Benj. Neal, of Rensselaer was a  
visitor in this city Saturday.

Misses Amy Green and Mariam  
Reid spent Saturday and Sunday  
with friends in Shelbyna.

Mrs. Eva Sandifer, of Hannibal  
has been the guest of her friend,  
Mrs. James Kennett.

William Boldridge, of Oakwood  
has been with his friends, James  
Redd and wife.

Charles H. Smith, of Moberly  
spent Saturday with his parents, C.  
Smith and wife.

H. C. Scheetz, of Palmyra was a  
business visitor in the city Satur-  
day.

O. C. Wilson was looking after  
his affairs in Hannibal, Saturday.

W. B. Spalding has been trans-  
acting business in Osaloosa, Iowa.

L. M. Woods and wife spent Sun-  
day with his parents at Lentner.

A dispatch from Chicago tells  
about an "innocent bystander" be-  
ing shot during a fight in that city  
which occurred at 4 o'clock in the  
morning. The victim may have  
been a bystander and he may have  
been shot, but it is difficult to be-  
lieve that a man who was hanging  
around a fight at 4 a. m. was so all  
fired innocent as the dispatch  
would have us believe.—Brookfield  
Gazette.

A farmer near Mokane has a cow  
with a record of five gallons of milk  
yielding two pounds of butter a  
day and he doesn't have to feed her  
any scientific agricultural college  
breakfast food either. He paid six-  
ty dollars for her at a public sale.—  
Brookfield Gazette.

Dr. J. L. Sweeney spent the latter  
part of last week transacting busi-  
ness in Creston, Iowa.